

ATTACHMENT - SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace the following paragraph on page 3, line 17-26, with the following amended paragraph.

The packaging unit according to the present invention thus comprises a bottom part provided with one or more compartments for accommodating and supporting the eggs in the packaging unit and a cover part, where one or more portions of the cover part are partial ovoid-shaped such that they reflect the shape of the eggs contained within the packaging unit, thereby making the shape of the eggs contained within the unit visible from outside. By shaping portions of the cover part in this manner the contents of the packaging unit becomes more apparent than in prior art packaging units, not only when the packaging unit is seen from the side -- where both the bottom part and the cover part can be seen -- but also when seen from above, in which case the bottom part may be more or less invisible to the viewer.

Please replace the following paragraph on page 3, line 31 - page 4, line 2, with the following amended paragraph.

It should be noted that throughout this description and the appended claims the expression: a portion reflecting the shape of the eggs should be understood as a portion having a an ovoid shape that provides a viewer with a clear association of the form of an egg without necessarily having a form exactly corresponding to an egg. Thus, surfaces or subsurfaces of a number of different solids of revolution, for instance of an ellipsoid, may reflect the shape of an egg within this context.

Please replace the following paragraph on page 4, lines 4-10, with the following amended paragraph.

Providing not only the cover part with portions reflecting the shape of the eggs in the unit but also shaping the corresponding portions of the bottom part as partial ovoids such that they reflect the shape of the eggs further enhances the visual information about the content of the unit. The individual portions of the cover part and the corresponding portions of the bottom part may in the closed state of the unit merge into a substantially continuous surface reflecting a relatively large portion of the surface of an egg.

Please replace the following paragraph on page 4, lines 12-21, with the following amended paragraph.

According to the invention, ~~said the partial ovoid~~ portions of the cover part reflecting the shape of the eggs and the corresponding portions of the bottom part form compartments for the eggs in the unit, the internal surface of which compartments may also be shaped in a manner corresponding to the egg-shape. Thus, at least some of these compartments embrace and support the eggs over a surface area of up to at least approximately 60% of the total surface area of an egg. The eggs are thus supported in a manner which reduces the risk of damages of the eggs caused by the accelerations experienced for instance during vibrations of the unit and if the unit is accidentally dropped. Specifically said compartments can also be formed to support the eggs at the bottom portion of the compartments.

Please replace the following paragraph on page 8, lines 6-12, with the following amended paragraph.

With reference to Figure 1, there is shown a display and distribution packaging unit according to the invention generally designated by 1 formed to accommodate six eggs. The unit comprises a bottom part 2 and a cover part 3 connected to each other along one edge by means of a flexible connection 12, in the following generally referred to as a hinge permanently attaching the cover part 3 to the bottom part 2. Portions 8 of the cover part 3 reflect are partially ovoid, reflecting the shape of the eggs contained within the unit. The complete unit can be formed as one integrated unit made of moulded pulp.

Please replace the following paragraph on page 8, lines 14-19, with the following amended paragraph.

The bottom part shown in Figure 1 is subdivided into six compartments 4 by appropriately shaping the wall sections of the bottom part and by inclusion of a pair of upwardly extending pillar posts 5 along the centre line of the bottom part. The shape of the side wall forming part of the compartments 4 may correspond is partially ovoid, corresponding to the shape of the eggs contained in the compartments, thereby providing a good support for the eggs and visual information about the content of the packaging unit.

Please replace the following paragraph on page 10, lines 20-33, with the following amended paragraph.

Referring to Figures 3a through 3e, there are shown various embodiments of the packaging unit according to the invention. In the varying embodiments, the ovoid portions of the cover part, i.e., the curved wall portions 8, extend from end faces of the packaging unit which are either longer or shorter than the front face 14 and rear face 15. Specifically, Figure 3a shows a packaging unit of the same basic form as shown in Figure 1 comprising six compartments 4 for eggs. Figure 3b shows an embodiment comprising three rows each containing three compartments 4, Figure 3c shows a unit comprising two rows of five compartments 4 and Figure 3d shows a unit comprising three rows of five compartments 4. In Figure 3e, there is finally shown a side elevation view of the packaging unit shown in Figure 3c. As indicated by reference number 16, the front face 14 of the cover part 3 can also be subdivided into two portions 14' and 14" if desired, each of these portions 14', 14" being provided with openings 9 for similarly placed protrusions 7 on the bottom part 2 of the unit. It is understood that instead of using two openings and corresponding protrusions as shown in Figures 3d through 3e, it is also possible to use other numbers of openings and protrusions, as for instance only one as shown in Figures 1 through 3b.